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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

KARL L. STRELNICK, M.D.

Respondent

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ORDER GRANTING PETITION IN PART

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By its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter dated March 27, 1987, the Medical Examining Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the license of Karl L. Strelnick to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin. On December 28, 1989, the board granted Dr. Strelnick's petition to reinstate the license, subject to certain terms and conditions. The license was limited in part to require that Dr. Strelnick's entire practice be under the supervision of a psychiatrist satisfactory to the board, and that his practice be limited to psychiatric assessment and evaluation, treatment planning, and medical management of male patients in an institutional setting. By letter dated January 13, 1992, Dr. Strelnick, by attorney David Relles, petitioned the board to approve Jon E. Gudeman, M.D., and Joseph B. Layde, M.D., J.D., as his joint supervisors in his employment with Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex. He also petitioned for removal of the requirement that he treat only men. Dr. Strelnick and Mr. Relles appeared before the board at its meeting of January 23, 1992, in support of the petition, and the board considered the matter on that date.

Based upon Dr. Strelnick's petition and all other information of record herein, the Medical Examining Board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that John E. Gudeman, M.D., and Joseph P. Layde, M.D., J.D., are approved to act as Dr. Strelnick's practice supervisors in his employment at Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Strelnick's practice be also supervised by L. Ronald Cromwell, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Medical Director of Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex. Dr. Strelnick shall be responsible for submission of Dr. Cromwell's *curriculum vitae* to the board for its approval.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Strelnick's petition to remove the limitation on his license which restricts his practice to the treatment only of men be, and hereby is, denied; and all conditions and limitations on Dr. Strelnick's license established by the board's Order Granting the Limited License dated December 28, 1989, shall remain in place.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Strelnick shall appear before the board for oral interview at the end of six months from the date hereof.

#### DISCUSSION

Dr. Strelnick's proposed employment with Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex appears consistent with the limitations imposed on his practice, with the exception that his duties would include treatment of a limited number of women. This will be Dr. Strelnick's first period of practice under his limited license, and there is therefore no less basis for imposition of the prohibition against treating women than there was at the time the limited license was issued. It is true that his employment will be highly structured, but the limitations on his license require no less. Accordingly, this is not a factor militating for removal of the restriction. Moreover, the restriction will reportedly not result in his loss of this employment opportunity, and the board therefore concludes that it should remain in place.

The board is somewhat concerned whether there will be consistent availability of Doctors Gudeman and Layde to provide the level of supervision required by the limited license. The board therefore also concludes that Dr. Cromwell, Associate Medical Director of the facility, should be included in the supervisory loop.

Dated this 27 day of January, 1992.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by B. Ann Neviase  
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Secretary

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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

KARL STRELNICK, M.D.,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING LIMITED LICENSE

On March 27, 1987, the Medical Examining Board filed its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's Order, the board accepted the surrender of the license of Karl Strelnick, M.D., (respondent) to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin. The Order further provided that respondent was permitted to reapply for licensure after April 10, 1989.

By application dated August 7, 1989, respondent applied for reinstatement of his license. He appeared before the board at its meeting of August 24, 1989, and the board considered the matter on that date. After deliberation, the board decided that it would be assisted in making a decision in the matter by receipt of a complete psychological assessment of respondent addressing the question whether his relicensure at this time would be consistent with the public health and safety. Such a psychological evaluation was performed by John C. Gonsiorek, Ph.D., on September 22, 1989; Dr. Gonsiorek's report was submitted to the board on October 16, 1989; and the board again considered the matter at its meeting on October 26, 1989. The board and respondent thereafter entered into a Stipulation, by which the board agreed to issue, and respondent agreed to accept, a limited license to practice medicine and surgery.

Based upon the Stipulation of the parties, and upon all other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Karl Strelnick, M.D., be, and hereby is, granted a limited license to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin incorporating the following terms and conditions:

1. The term of the limited license shall be for one year from the date hereof. Respondent shall appear before the board at the end of that time in support of any petition for renewal of the license.
2. Respondent's practice of medicine shall be limited to psychiatric assessment and evaluation, treatment planning, and medical management of male patients in an institutional inpatient setting. Respondent shall not practice any form of intensive or in-depth psychotherapy, and shall not do psychotherapy of any nature with severely disturbed individuals, particularly those carrying an Axis II diagnosis.

3. Respondent's entire practice of medicine shall be under the supervision of a psychiatrist satisfactory to the board. The supervising psychiatrist shall be made fully aware of the circumstances of respondent's surrender of his license.
4. Respondent shall provide current releases to all of his treatment facilities and personnel, complying with state and federal laws, authorizing release of all of respondent's medical and treatment records to his supervising psychiatrist and to the Medical Examining Board. Copies of the releases shall be filed simultaneously with the board.
5. Respondent shall be responsible for submission to the board of quarterly formal written reports prepared by his supervising psychiatrist setting forth respondent's activities and progress in his practice. Respondent's supervising psychiatrist must agree to immediately notify the board if the supervisor concludes that respondent has violated any of the terms and conditions of his limited license, or that respondent has engaged in any other conduct which may be deemed to constitute a danger to patient or public.
6. Respondent shall continue to participate in therapy with Jan Singer, MSW, on a basis deemed appropriate by Ms. Singer, but no less than once each month.
7. Respondent shall be responsible for submission to the board of quarterly formal written reports prepared by Ms. Singer setting forth respondent's progress in treatment, and confirming that in Ms. Singer's professional opinion, respondent's continued licensure is consistent with the public health and safety.
8. Respondent may petition the board for termination or modification of the terms and limitations on his license two years following the date of this Order. Any such petition must be supported both by respondent's supervising psychiatrist and by Ms. Singer.
9. All costs associated with complying with the terms of the limited license shall be borne by respondent.
10. Should the board determine that there is probable cause to believe that respondent has violated the board's order adopting the terms of this Stipulation, the board may order that respondent's license be summarily suspended pending investigation of the alleged violation.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1989.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by H. Mowat Waldren, Jr., M.D.  
H. Mowat Waldren, Jr., M.D.  
Secretary

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